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Opportunity to Help Build Statewide Early Childhood Scholarships in Arizona

T.E.A.C.H. (Teacher Education and Compensation Helps) Early Childhood® ARIZONA, a comprehensive scholarship program for the early childhood workforce, is on its way to Arizona, making Arizona the 23rd state in a network of states recognizing the importance of teacher education to program quality and positive outcomes for children birth to age five.

A bidder's conference for agencies interested in administering this comprehensive statewide scholarship program will be held on:

**Friday, August 1,
from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. MST
at the Flinn Foundation,
1802 N. Central Avenue,
Phoenix, AZ 85004-1506.**

Only not for profit, 501(c)(3) agencies, with a history of statewide early childhood work and without conflicts of interest will be considered. For more information contact:

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The T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Project awards scholarships to teachers and providers, in regulated early education centers and child care homes, to complete course work in early childhood education. In 1990, Child Care Services Association created the Teacher Education and Compensation Helps (T.E.A.C.H.) Early Childhood® Project to address the issues of under-education, poor compensation and high turnover within the early childhood workforce. All T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® scholarships link continuing education with increased compensation and require that recipients and their sponsoring child care programs share in the cost. To find out more about T.E.A.C.H. go to: <http://www.childcareservices.org/ps/teach.html>.